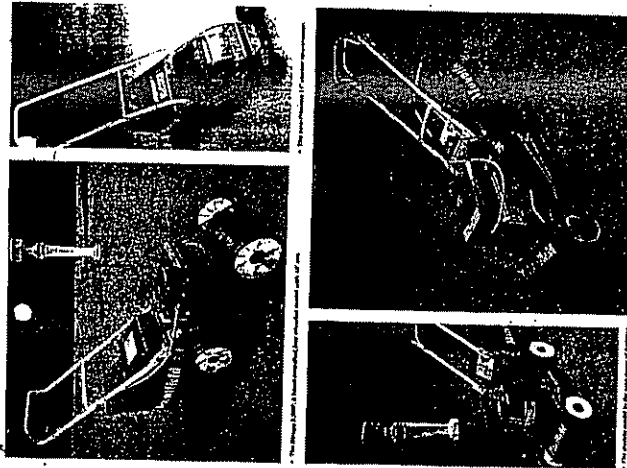
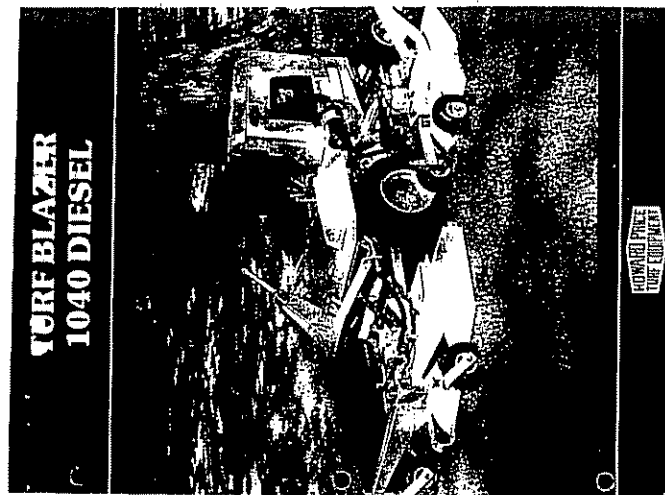


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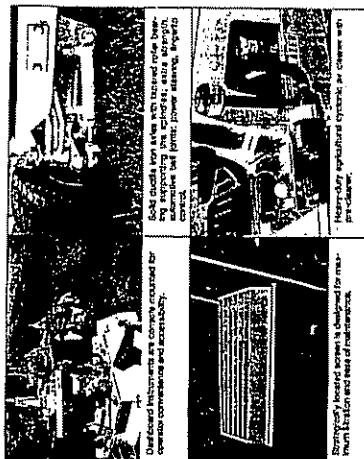


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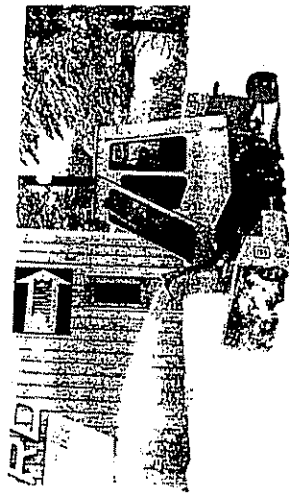


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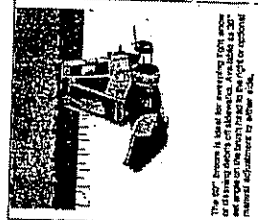
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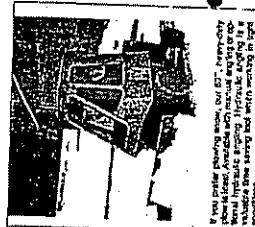
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a power source which is mounted on said frame and which drives at least two of said wheels;

an operator's seat mounted on said frame;

a steering system enabling the operator to steer said lawn mower;

at least one front rotary cutting deck assembly mounted on said frame in front of said front wheels;

at least one rear rotary cutting deck assembly mounted on said frame behind said front deck assemblies and between said front and rear wheels; and

each of said front and rear deck assemblies including a deck defining a downwardly opening space, at least one cutting blade mounted on a spindle for rotation therewith and at least one roller supporting said deck for movement over the ground, said roller extending substantially across the entire width of said deck.

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 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim ² wherein each deck assembly is connected to said frame by a respective lifting arm operable to lift the associated deck assembly relative to said frame, such that each of said deck assemblies is connected by its own lifting arm to said frame.

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 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim ² wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies includes a pair of laterally-spaced, generally vertically-extending side plates having forward ends, a first front wheel supporting one of said side plates for movement over the ground, and a second front wheel supporting the other of said side plates for movement over the ground, wherein said roller extends between said side plates and supports said side plates for movement over the

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 21-31, as follows:

(New) A gang-type rotary lawn mower comprising:
 a frame supported by front and rear wheels for movement over the ground,

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ground, wherein the associated deck is located between said side plates and in front of said roller and is mounted on said side plates such that the height of said deck relative to the ground is adjustable by changing the position of said deck relative to said side plates.

5 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 3 wherein each deck assembly also includes a hydraulic motor which is mounted on said deck and which is drivably connected to said spindle.

6 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 4 wherein each deck assembly includes a set of cutting blades mounted on said spindle for rotation therewith, said set of blades including a lower, leading blade having a leading cutting edge and an upwardly angled trailing edge, and an upper, trailing blade having a leading cutting edge for cutting clippings deflected upwardly by said upwardly angled trailing edge of said leading blade, said trailing blade extending at a non-perpendicular angle relative to said leading blade so that clippings coming off said trailing edge of said leading blade are cut immediately by said trailing blade before said clippings start swirling around within said space.

7 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 5 wherein at least two front rotary cutting deck assemblies are mounted on said frame in a side-by-side relationship defining a gap between adjacent front deck assemblies.

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(New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 3 wherein at least one rear deck assembly is aligned with said gap.

8 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim 7 wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies is pivotable relative to said frame about three mutually perpendicular axes.

9 (New) A gang-type rotary lawn mower comprising:
a frame supported by front and rear wheels for movement over the ground;
a power source which is mounted on said frame and which drives at least two of said wheels;

an operator's seat mounted on said frame;

a steering system enabling the operator to steer said lawn mower;

at least two front rotary cutting deck assemblies mounted to said frame in front of said front wheels and in a side-by-side relationship, wherein each of said front cutting deck assemblies defines a front cutting path; and

at least one rear rotary cutting deck assembly being mounted on said frame behind said front deck assemblies, said rear rotary cutting deck assembly defining a rear cutting path extending laterally to overlap a portion of each of said front cutting paths, wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies has at least one cutting blade mounted on a spindle for rotation therewith and at least one roller to support each of said deck assemblies for movement over the ground, said roller extending substantially across the entire width of said cutting path.

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31 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim *30* wherein each deck assembly is connected to said frame by a respective lifting arm operable to lift the associated deck assembly relative to said frame, such that each of said deck assemblies is connected by its own lifting arm to said frame.

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31 (New) A lawn mower as set forth in claim *30* wherein each of said front and rear deck assemblies includes a pair of laterally-spaced, generally vertically-extending side plates having forward ends, a first front wheel supporting one of said side plates for movement over the ground, and a second front wheel supporting the other of said side plates for movement over the ground, wherein said roller extends between said side plates and supports said side plates for movement over the ground, wherein the associated deck is located between said side plates and in front of said roller and is mounted on said side plates such that the height of said deck relative to the ground is adjustable by changing the position of said deck relative to said side plates.

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REMARKS

Claim 1 remains pending in the present application. Claims 2-20 have been cancelled. New claims 21-31 have been added. The basis for the new claims may be found throughout the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed.

Applicant submits that the claims are patentable over the art of record. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 841-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant's Name: OHSAA, LLC **Applicant's Address:** 2871 **Examiner:** Robert Farnito

☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

☐ This action is FINAL.

☐ Since the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s) or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 21-31 were pending in the application.
 Of the above, claim(s) _____ were withdrawn from consideration.
☐ Claim(s) _____ were allowed.
☒ Claim(s) 21-31 were rejected.
☐ Claim(s) _____ were objected to.
☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Dismissal of Patent Drawing Review, PTO-946.
☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ were objected to by the Examiner.
☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved.
☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)(1).
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Attachments

☐ Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper Note, 3
☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Long*, 759 F.2d 487, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Orman*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.306(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).


2. Claims 21-31 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,530. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both the patent and the instant application lead themselves to a swing-type mower having a plurality of deck assemblies with a roller supporting and extending substantially the width of the decks.

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Robert Pezzano at telephone number (703) 308-1012. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time.
4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Thomas B. Will, can be reached on (703) 308-3870. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7687.


Robert Pezzano
Art Unit 3671
October 17, 2000

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, and other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except U.S. patent applications) are listed on HDP-1449 (based on Form PTO-1449), attached hereto.

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IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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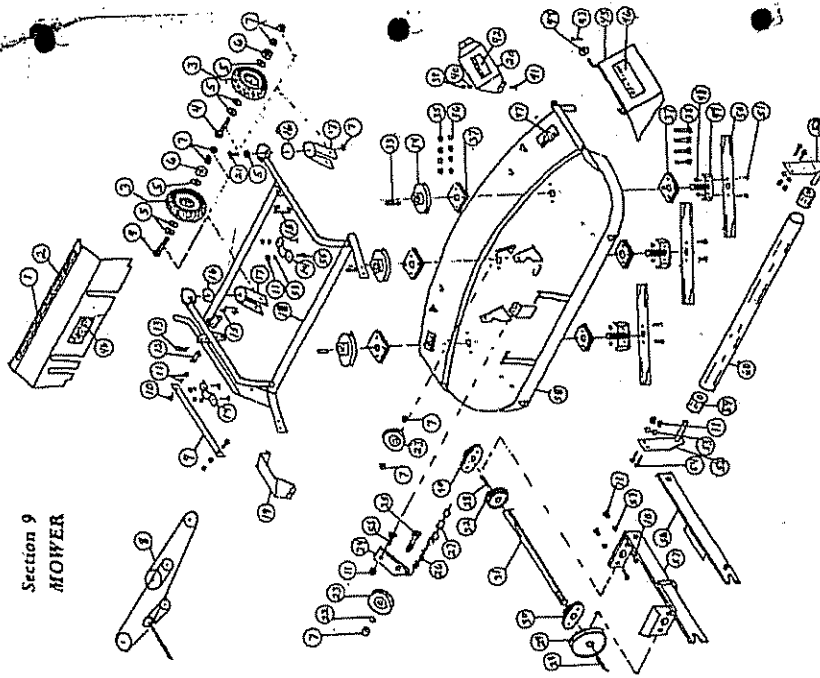
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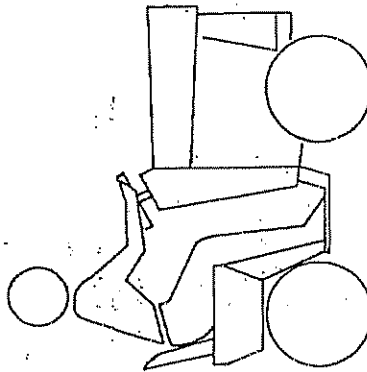
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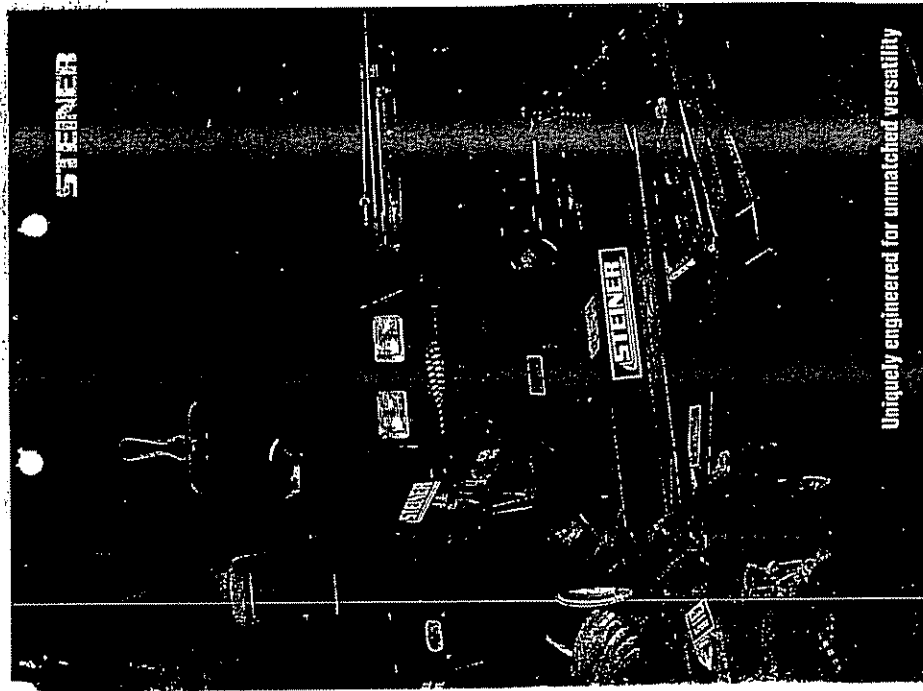


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Uniquely engineered for unmatched versatility

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One turn behind the wheel tells you the Steiner is unique among the world's turf tractors. Right away, you're struck by the commanding, yet comfortable seating position, and the fact that every control is ergonomically placed for ease of use. Then, as you start out, you immediately feel the difference our articulated frame makes. With its frame hinged in the middle, the Steiner doesn't turn like other turf tractors. In fact, the Steiner changes direction with such agility, you'd think it's anticipating your next move.

With constant 4-wheel drive and an articulated frame, nothing else works like a Steiner.

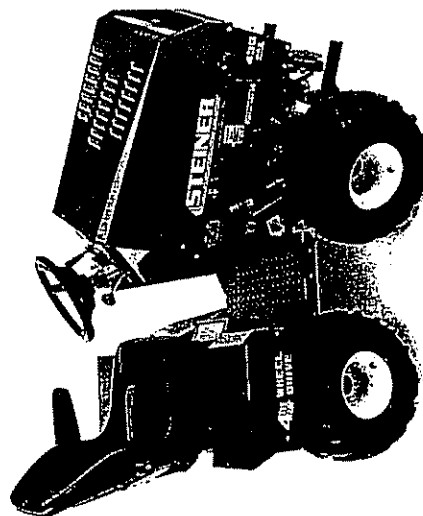


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S t e i n e r



Our 420 is a Steiner tractor.

You drive the Steiner effortlessly up and down hills, then toward a muddy area along-side a creek. You're impressed by the powerful engine and constant 4-wheel drive and smooth forward motion. With hydraulic drive, the Steiner moves steadily across all kinds of terrain, without clutching, without jerking and without braking.



Corporate men recognize Steiner.



Working on a Steiner tractor.

At the end of our test ride, you realize you've been at the controls of a machine engineered and built without compromise to be the finest turf tractor you can buy.

Because we give it unique capabilities, you can give it more to do.

We developed the Steiner turf tractor to be a machine that's easy to use, easy to maintain, and easy to service. This means you and your grounds maintenance are only the beginning of the Steiner's many time- and effort-saving skills.

In less than five minutes, the unique Quick Hitch™ quickly and easily converts the Steiner from a mowing machine to a performance machine you can imagine. You can sweep, blow, grade, scoop, lift, cut, and more. And you'll find all Steiner attachments are exceptionally easy to use, ready to work hard — and built to last.



Working in the yard.

But one thing hasn't changed: We build each Steiner as if we were going to use it ourselves. We support our turf tractors with a full year warranty in commercial use and two years in residential use.

Years from now, you'll realize the true value of a Steiner. You'll have enjoyed many seasons of hard work, unmatched versatility and consistent performance.



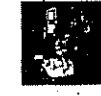
At work.

And Steiner traditionally holds their value extremely well, which will benefit you at trade-in or resale. All Steiner attachments also carry a one year warranty except the trencher and chipper/shredder which have a 90 day warranty.

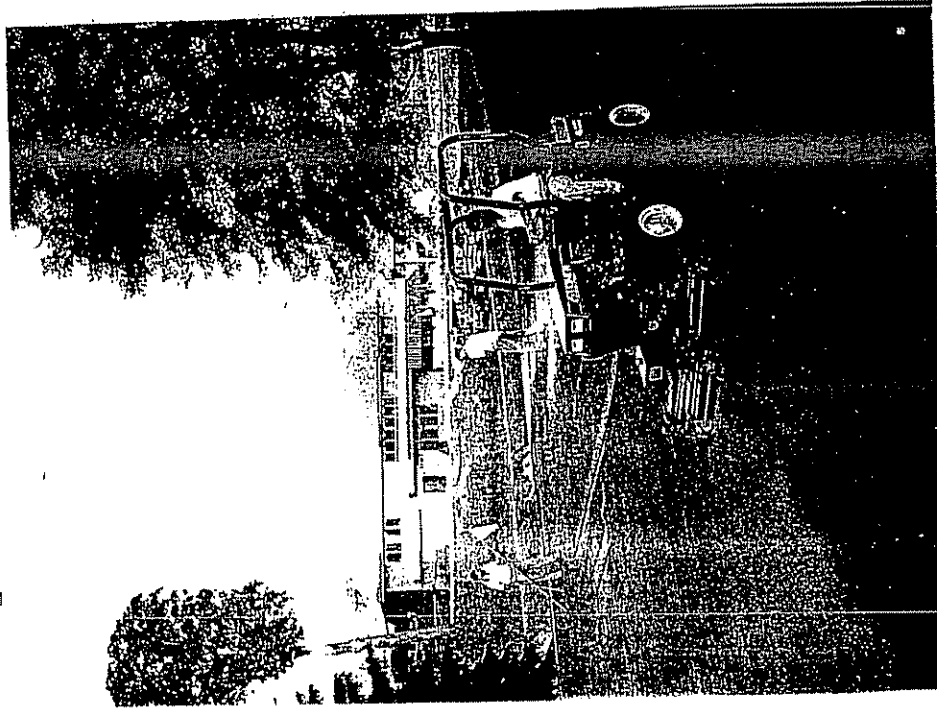


Automated price and time savings.

Assembly line

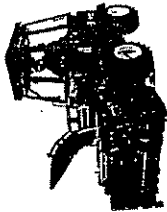


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size and power, the ultimate Steiner turf tractor.

model 525



Everything we've learned about building turf tractors has gone into the design and manufacture of our largest model, the Steiner 525. Its 23.5-hp Kubota water-cooled engine and smooth, foot-pedal operated 4-wheel drive give it the strength to power its way through the heaviest of heavy duty tasks. But this machine also offers high levels of handling and driver comfort, as its turning capabilities and softly cushioned ride allow the Steiner 525 to tread lightly on your grounds.

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ROPS APPROVED BOLL BAR
THREE POINT LATCH
WEIGHT BAR (FRONT OR REAR)
CAB (HEATED, ROPS APPROVED)
SUSPENSION SEAT

Steiner's "Roll-Over" system allows you to easily switch to any attachment it can be the standard.



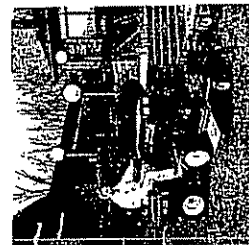
Front the ball drive and go to work.



Attach the heavy-duty PTO from with your time.



Drive forward and the heavy-duty PTO will do the work for you.



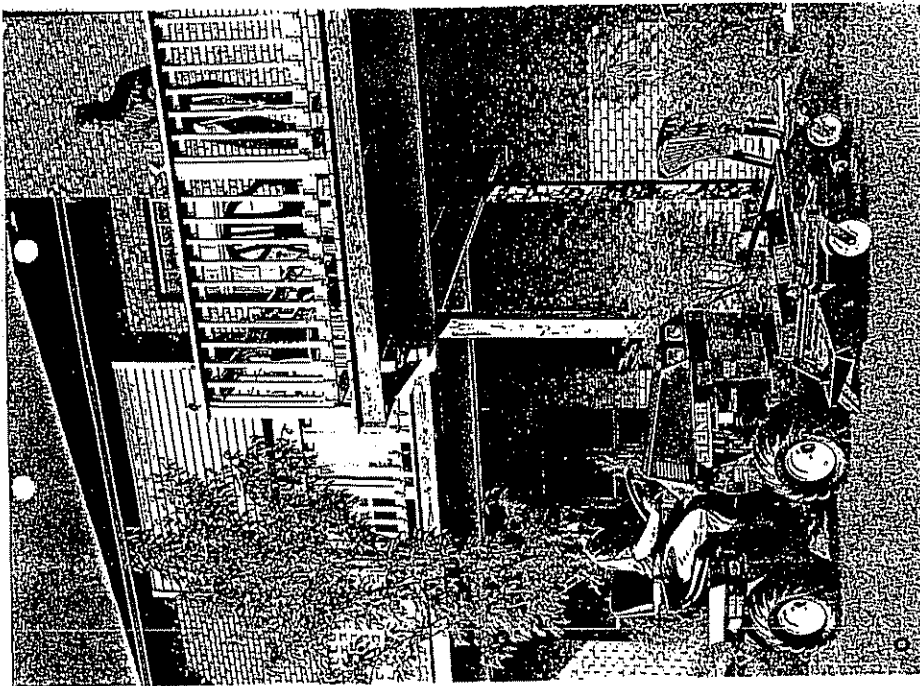
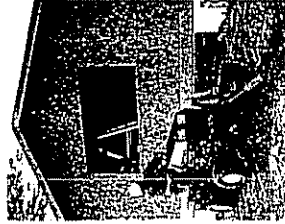
power, versatility and comfort to the max.

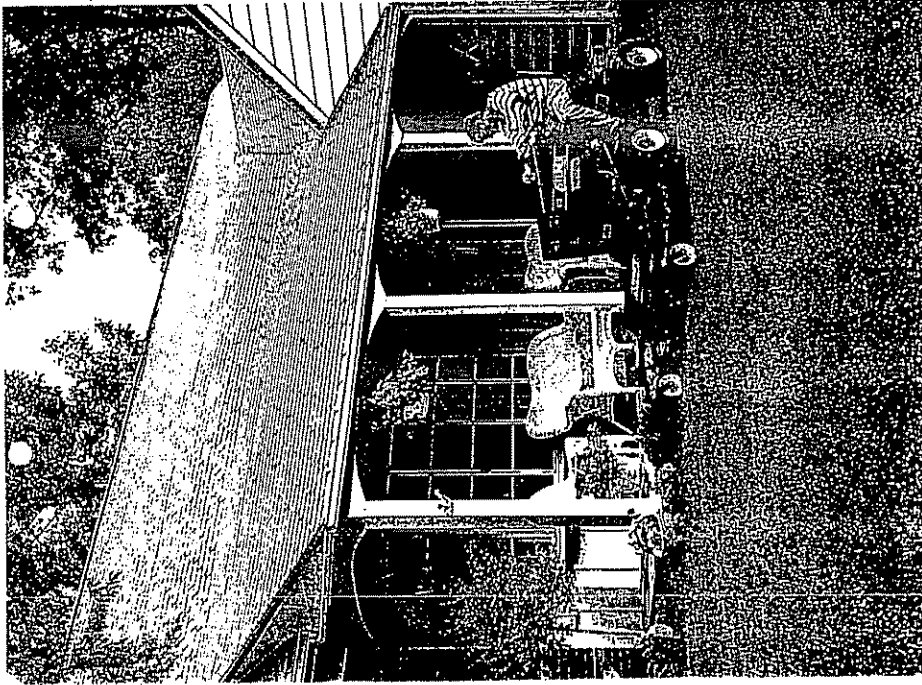
model 430

The Steiner 430 Max takes a good idea and makes it better. We begin with a strong foundation, including our constant 4-wheel drive, articulated frame, hydrostatic transmission and power steering. Then, we provide your choice of four engines capable of 20-25 hp. To keep you comfortably in command, you sit in an ergonomically

designed deluxe seat and use a new hydrostat control that lifts readily to hand. And Quick-Hitch™ attachments and accessories are available to provide a wide range of capabilities.

ACCESSORIES
HOP'S APPROVED ROLL BAR
THREE POINT LATCH
WEIGHT BAR (FRONT OR REAR)
CAB
SUSPENSION SEAT
TOP TIEES
DUAL WHEELS





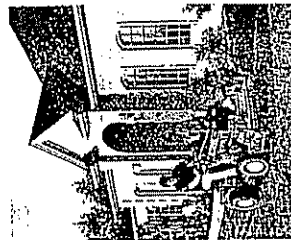
Simply designed to work harder for you.

model 410

WEIGHT BAR
AUXILIARY HYDRAULIC
CONTROL
BAR DISC OPTION
*TWIN TIRES STANDARD

The Steiner 410 takes many of the capabilities of our more powerful turf tractors and makes them available in a more affordable model. Powered by a 18-hp

Quon Performer engine, the Steiner 410 offers the same advanced engineering that makes Steiner unique, including continuous 4 wheel drive, an articulated frame and power steering. With your choice of "Quick-Hitch" attachments, the Steiner 410 shares one other characteristic of our larger models — it's highly adaptable at giving you more than you expect from a turf tractor.



Get behind the power of a track-drive Steiner.

model 220

With front-wheel drive, the Steiner 220 offers superb

performance, durability, traction and stability where

conventional tractors fall short. Total control is yours

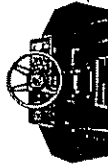
with a foot pedal hydrostat and rear power steering that enables the Steiner 220 to

handle effortlessly around trees and other obstacles. Few turf tractors have a lower

center of gravity than the 220, which positions you comfortably in the middle of

the tractor for added stability. Best of all, our unique Quick Hitch™ attachments

make it easy to get the job done with speed and precision.



ACCESSORIES
ROPS APPROVED ROLL BAR
REAR WEIGHT BAR
CA9
SUSPENSION SEAT
WHEEL WEIGHTS

